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SUBJECT: PM FOREIGN POLICY SPEECH STRESSES AFGHANIZATION

AND LEADING IN GLOBAL COOPERATION Classified By: Political Minister Counselor Greg Berry for reasons 1.4 (b) and (d).

1. (C/NF) Summary: In a November 16, speech, PM Gordon Brown reviewed UK foreign policy priorities -- but focused on Afghanistan. Emphasiz
2. (C/NF) In his annual foreign policy speech on November 16, PM Gordon Brown asserted Britain's key role in the world, "by leading in globe
3. (C/NF) Brown emphasized that the war in Afghanistan was necessary to Britain's national security, citing the July 7, 2005 bombings and ve
4. (C/NF) However, UK media have focused on Brown's offer to host, early next year in London, a conference on international community suppor
5. (C/NF) COMMENT: British public support for UK involvement in Afghanistan has been trending downward as British casualties mount and elec
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